

XM Traffic and weather simply meets the demand we all have. On local stations I never catch the local traffic because it lasts about 10 seconds and is limited to the same old "normal backups for this time of morning." XM traffic is very detailed and I can access it when i need to. They tell me about traffic issues on roads that local stations do not touch. I even hear about accidents in my local community and I am over 25 miles south of Pittsburgh. Furthermore, they provide updates on the PA Turnpike. In short, XM meets and exceeds customer demand. Local radio does not have the resources or programming availaibility to fulfill the public service requiriements that the public needs. In fact, local XM traffic far exceed what PennDOT puts on their remote AM station. I also travel to other cities serviced by XM traffic. It is highly convenient, but ultimately more effective to know where to go to find the information you need.

XM has provided a service that is valuable, effective, and ultimately meets consumer demand that local radio falls way short of meeting. I urge the FCC to use common sense and reject NAB's petition 04-160.